



Comic Con comes to Asheboro library

♣ Show off your coolest superpowers at the first annual Asheboro Library Comic Con, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 13.

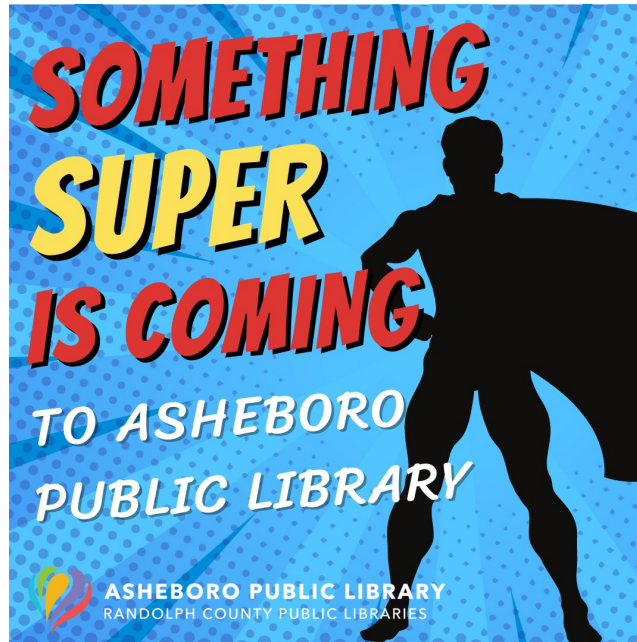
Hosted by Asheboro library Youth Services, the family-friendly event will feature 13 comic book authors, illustrators and other creators (as of this writing — there may be more) who will demonstrate their techniques and display their work, which will be available for purchase.

Because every hero needs a sidekick, Randolph County Animal Services and Ruff Love Rescue of Thomasville will be on hand to share information about pet adoption and feature some of their furry friends.

There also will be a costume contest with prizes for different age groups; special visitors; giveaways; and other surprises. The event, best for ages four and up, is free and the public is invited.

Authors, artists and other creators include:

- Will Boyer, illustrator of Gospelman Ministries, Super Milo and Hip Hop;
- Rodney Bennett, writer and artist at Vision Alive Studios, Legend of Black Starr;
- Kev Lyerly, K.L.A.W.S. of Kreation artist;
- John Czop, Marvel Comics illustrator;



- Rick Davis, Marvel and DC comics illustrator;
- Chris Rigo, Beards Weirde's Comics and Toys;
- Hector Miray, author of Faith and Fandom book series;
- Dan Johnson, writer and editor-in-chief at Red Line Comics Studio;
- Marshall Lakes, artist and graphic novelist, Marshall Lakes Art;
- Jo Knorpp, UNCSA filmmaking graduate with a concentration in animation;
- Jennifer McCollom, special effects makeup artist;
- John Tompkins, professional

cosplayer and prop builder.

The TeenZone will feature the work of local teen artists, and a Youth Services booth will share all the scoop on this summer's Summer Reading activities.

At 10:30 a.m., Jo Knorpp will screen her own short film, followed by a Q&A. At 11:30 a.m., Rodney Bennett will present an art creation demonstration. John Tompkins will bring his Indiana Jones mobile museum.

Free Comic Book Day at Liberty

Meanwhile, the Liberty library will host "Free Comic Book Day at the Library," 1 p.m. Saturday, May 6. Celebrate the day with free comics to take home, activities and games related to comic books and superheroes.



HOW ARE WE DOING?

It's time once again for our annual Patron Satisfaction Survey! Your ratings and comments help chart a course for the library to better serve you. Please take our brief survey and share your thoughts. Scan the QR code at right or visit randolphlibrary.org/survey23. Thank you!



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Fri 9-6; Sat 9-1

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336-318-6800
Fax 336-318-6823
201 Worth St.
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Sat 9-1

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Sat 9-12:30

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336-685-3100
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Wed-Fri 9-5
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1512 S. Main St.
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Randleman

336-498-3141
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142 W. Academy St.
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Sat 9-1

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336-873-7521
530 Old Plank Rd.
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336-318-6816 or 336-318-6817; Mon-Fri 9-5

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A trio of 50th anniversaries

♣ The year 1973 was auspicious for public libraries in Randolph County.

On March 11, the Seagrove Public Library opened its doors.

In May, the Friends of the Randolph Public Library was chartered.

And on June 5, the Archdale Public Library opened for business.

So we've got three 50th anniversaries to celebrate!

The Archdale City Council established the Archdale library on November 8, 1972, and appointed a library board of trustees. The library hosted an open house on Sunday, June 4, 1973, in its quarters on South Main Street. The city built the current building in 1991, when the county took over operation of the library. The city expanded the building in 2002.

Seagrove town commissioners chartered their library on November 29, 1972. The Seagrove Grange Hall was secured as the library location, and the library was ready by March 1973. The library operated in the Grange Hall until 2005, when the county took over operation of the library and the current building was built.

The Friends was chartered in May 1973, and within one year boasted 500 members. The group has supported the library ever since with book sales, program funding, community cultural events and more.

Archdale, Seagrove and the Friends will celebrate their anniversaries this year. Look for more information, and history, soon!

Correction: in this column last month, Savvy Harn's name was unintentionally omitted from the list of staff who painted the teen area and study rooms.



Top: In 2005, Seagrove librarian Barbara Luther checks out the first book in the newly-built library for Emma Jo Marsh, daughter of Tommy Marsh. As a boy, Tommy checked out the first book when the library opened on March 11, 1973.

Middle: Bill Farlow, Randolph County Board of Commissioners chairman, and his daughter Diane (left) purchase the first Friends of the Library membership from Margery Ross in 1973.

Bottom: Members of the first Archdale library Board of Trustees are Zeola English, Martha Stunda, Hazel Hancock, Ruth Miller, Roy Allen and Marian Tillman.

Talk to focus on irises in garden

♣ **The genus Iris offers many delightful options for the home garden**

Whether you like bearded or beardless, hybrid or native, aril or arilbred, join Heather Haley, president of the Eastern North Carolina Iris Society, for "Irises in the Garden: A Month-by-Month Calendar," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Asheboro library.

Haley will explore the relationship between iris growth cycles and common cultural practices. Members of the Iris Society will conduct live demonstrations, answer questions, and share tips and tricks for planting, digging and dividing the flowers in the Piedmont.

Attendees will receive a calendar describing irises in 15 horticultural classifications, expected bloom times in

North Carolina, and month-by-month recommendations to help them thrive in the garden.

Bearded irises

Want to know more about this type of iris? Join Heather Haley at the Randleman library for "Bearded Irises for the Home Landscape," 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9.

Companion planting

At Franklinville and Seagrove libraries, learn about companion planting in "Is this Plant Friend or Foe?" This type of planting can be used to attract pollinators, deter pests, invigorate production and keep weeds down. Find out about beneficial combinations and ones to avoid.

Franklinville: 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 10; Seagrove, 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 24.

Liberty to host meal-planning events ...and more activities at libraries around the county

♣ **Learn how to plan ahead for meals in a workshop at the Liberty library, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, repeated at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 11.**

The workshop will demonstrate how meal planning can help budget for groceries and encourage healthy food choices. Materials will be provided; call 336-622-4605 to sign up.

Backyard birds

Kids in Randleman can learn about "Birds in Your Backyard," and make a birdfeeder to take home, at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16. Call 336-498-3141 to register. Ages 5 and up.

STEAM showcase

Asheboro Youth Services will host a "Community STEAM Showcase," 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 11. Local schools and community groups will show off projects

they have been working on, from a Sphero Ball ramp to virtual reality.

Teen 'Mindfulness in May'

Join the Asheboro library TeenZone and friends from Randolph County Public Health to talk about mental health and wellness, and make a mobile Zen garden to take anywhere. 4 p.m. Monday, May 15.

Book clubs for kids, teens

Asheboro TeenZone: BYO Book Club, 4 p.m. Monday, May 8. Talk about a book you're reading or a longtime favorite.

Liberty: Manga Meet Up at the Library, 1 p.m. Saturday, May 20. Crafts, activities, treats and videos related to Manga and comic books. School-age.

Randleman: Teen Talk Book Club, 3:30 p.m. Friday, May 19. Bring a book you'd like to share with others. 6th-8th grades; call 336-498-3141 to sign up.



Book discussions

Asheboro Reads: We

Begin at the End by Christ Whitaker, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 30.

Archdale Book Break:

Hotel Nantucket by Elin Hilberbrand, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 16.

Franklinville: Snippets

Book Club, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, May 15.

Liberty Book Club: The

Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18.

BYO book groups

Talk about books that you've read recently.

Archdale: Book Bites,

2 p.m. Tuesday, May 9.

Liberty Readers Meet-Up,

1 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, Liberty Senior Center, 128 S. Fayetteville St.

Randleman Readers

Recommend, 3:30 p.m. Friday, May 5.

Ramseur Page Turners,

2 p.m. Tuesday, May 2.

Seagrove: Un-Book Club,

5 p.m. Thursday, May 25.

May tech classes

Asheboro library May technology classes:

Microsoft Excel vs. Google Sheets, 3 p.m. Friday, May 12, and 3 p.m. Friday, May 26.

Microsoft Word vs.

Google Docs, 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 9. and 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 23.

Test skills in teen trivia tourney at Asheboro

Test your knowledge in the Asheboro library TeenZone's Teen Trivia Tournament, 4 p.m. Monday, May 1. Join as a single player or bring friends and compete as a team for

prizes by answering questions about music, pop culture, school basics and more.

Ages 12 and up; call 336-318-6804 for more information.

Sigmon's 'Fun Factory' comes to Randleman library

Get an early jump on Summer Reading as the always popular Caleb Sigmon brings "The Fun Factory Starring CJ & Fidget" to the Randleman Public Library, 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18. It's fun for all ages when audience members help an incredible factory come to life as gears turn, games unfold and toilet paper goes flying through the air! The high-speed show is guaranteed to capture attention with lots of music, interactive play, and a valuable lesson that audiences will take away with them: that we are strongest when we work together. Stick around afterwards for an exclusive meet and greet with characters from the show.

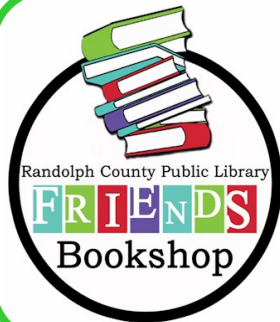


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Learning garden grows

On a beautiful April afternoon, kids plant and water in the new Children's Learning Garden on the Cox Street side of the Asheboro library. Envisioned by Youth Services librarian Becky Knorpp, the garden will promote hands-on nature education for children and families, especially those who do not have yards or garden space, and will provide an outdoor reading and learning area for the library. Gold Hill Mulch donated rocks and mulch. Mellow Marsh Farm provided native plants at wholesale cost, and Lowes provided additional plants at a discount. Volunteers Charity Cox-Cole, Sam Williams, Brooke Huling, Steve Maurer and Dave Bare prepped the space for the children and families to plant the garden.

Photo by Savvy Harn

